

SOCCER

RULEBOOK



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General Information

Age Groups

Tiny Tot, Ages 4-5
Pee Wee, Ages 6-7
Junior, Ages 8-9
Senior, Ages 10-12

Columbus Recreation and Parks reserves the right to combine and/or alter age groups and number of players on field based on safety and need. No player may play down to a lower age group. Playing up to a higher age group is permitted with the written consent of the participant's parent/guardian.

General Personal Conduct

Anyone using foul or disrespectful language at anytime before, during, or after the games will be asked to leave the park. Coaches using said language during practices and/or games may be dismissed from his/her coaching responsibilities. Parents, coaches and spectators are expected to cheer in a positive fashion for all players This is a recreational league and its sole purpose is for the players to learn the game of soccer and have fun.

Eligibility

Age group shall be determined by the players age as of December 31st of the current year. Age will be verified by a valid birth certificate, Insurance card, or State ID Card. All players must present a waiver that is signed by a legal guardian or parent. All players must have a valid Leisure Card. Roster will be checked and approved by Center Manager or their designee.

Weather Policy

This decision is final. In the event of lightning/thunder, play is suspended for 30 minutes if thunder is heard or lightning is seen. The 30 minute time resets after each occurrence of lightning/thunder. No participants are permitted to be on the playing field during any delay. It is the Center Manager's or his/her designee to make a decision on whether to delay or terminate the games. This decision is based on the safety of all parties involved.

Playing rules

Any rule not specifically covered by Columbus Recreation and Parks will be governed in accordance with the U.S. Youth Soccer Organization rules book.

Tiny Tot, Ages 4-5

General Information

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Size of Ball	Size 3
Equipment	All players must wear shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional. No jewelry is allowed to be worn.
Number of Players on Field	5 vs 5, including the goalie.

Game Structure

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Game Length	Four 6 minute quarters. One minute between quarters. Halftime is 3 minutes
Participation	All players must have equal playing time.
Scoring	No score will be kept
Officials	No officials will be used
Parents and Coaches	One coach per team are encouraged to participate and be on the field. Coaches must not be in front or behind goal area. Parents are to stay away from goal area.

Game Tactics

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Offsides	No penalty called
Free Kick	5 yards out
Penalty Kicks	No
Throw In Penalty	No penalty called
Slide Tackling	Not allowed
Heading	Not allowed

Pee Wee, Ages 6-7

General Information

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Size of Ball	Size 4
Equipment	All players must wear shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional. No jewelry is allowed to be worn.
Number of Players on Field	7 vs 7 , including the goalie.

Game Structure

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Game Length	Four 8 minute quarters. One minute between quarters. Halftime is 4 minutes
Participation	All players must have equal playing time.
Scoring	No score will be kept
Officials	One official will be used
Parents and Coaches	One coach per team are encouraged to participate and be on the field. Coaches must not be in front or behind goal area. Parents are to stay away from goal area and will sit on opposite side of field from the team.

Game Tactics

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Offsides	No penalty called
Free Kick	5 yards out
Penalty Kicks	No
Throw In Penalty	Player will get 2 tries
Slide Tackling	Not allowed
Heading	Not allowed

Juniors, Ages 8-9

General Information

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Size of Ball	Size 4
Equipment	All players must wear shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional. No jewelry is allowed to be worn.
Number of Players on Field	9 vs 9 , including the goalie.

Game Structure

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Game Length	Four 11 minute quarters. One minute between quarters. Halftime is 5 minutes
Participation	All players must have equal playing time.
Scoring	No score will be kept
Officials	Two officials will be used
Parents and Coaches	No coaches are permitted on the field. Coaches and parents are to stay away from goal area. Parents will sit on opposite side of field from the team.

Game Tactics

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Offsides	Yes
Free Kick	8 yards out
Penalty Kicks	Yes
Throw In Penalty	Yes
Slide Tackling	Not allowed
Heading	Not allowed

Seniors, Ages 10-12

General Information

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Size of Ball	Size 5
Equipment	All players must wear shin guards. Soccer cleats are optional. No jewelry is allowed to be worn.
Number of Players on Field	11 vs 11, including the goalie.

Game Structure

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Game Length	Two 22 minute halves. Halftime is 5 minutes
Participation	All players must have equal playing time.
Scoring	No score will be kept
Officials	Three officials will be used
Parents and Coaches	No coaches are permitted on the field. Coaches and parents are to stay away from goal area. Parents will sit on opposite side of field from the team.

Game Tactics

HcdjW	Fi`Y
Offsides	Yes
Free Kick	8 yards out
Penalty Kicks	Yes
Throw In Penalty	Yes
Slide Tackling	Not allowed
Heading	Not allowed



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